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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52, 1.121(b)(3), and 1.125, is required. The specification, claims, or abstract page(s) submitted is not acceptable and cannot be scanned or properly stored because:
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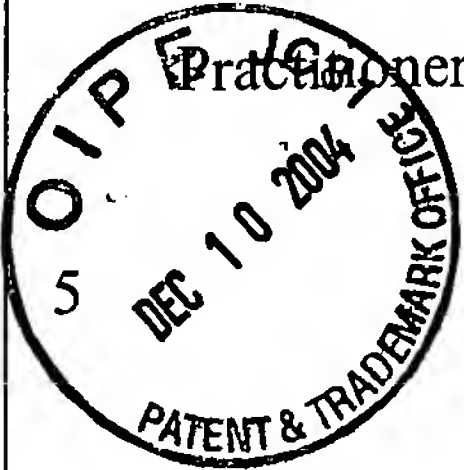
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Serial No.: 10/711,351)

Filed: 09/13/2004)

For: SELF-EMPTYING BAILER)

Art Unit: 3753

Examiner: **Unassigned**

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

(filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))

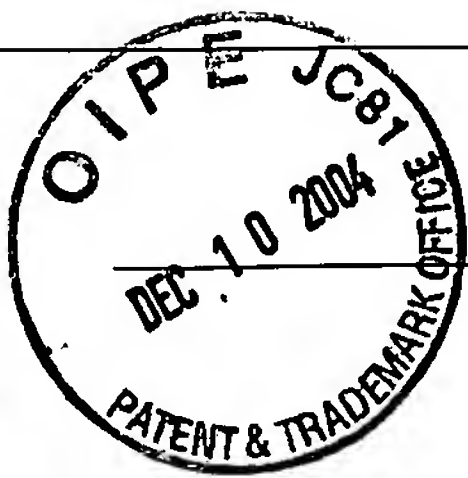
In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed **October 14, 2004**, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire **December 14, 2004**, applicant responds as follows:

ITEMS REQUIRED TO AVOID ABANDONMENT

Applicant has submitted specification via electronic filing. The line spacing of the specification is dictated according to the software provided to the applicant by the Office. Applicant therefor cannot stipulate the distance between lines on the specification, claims, or abstract.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the above response is completely responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed **October 14, 2004**.



Very respectfully,

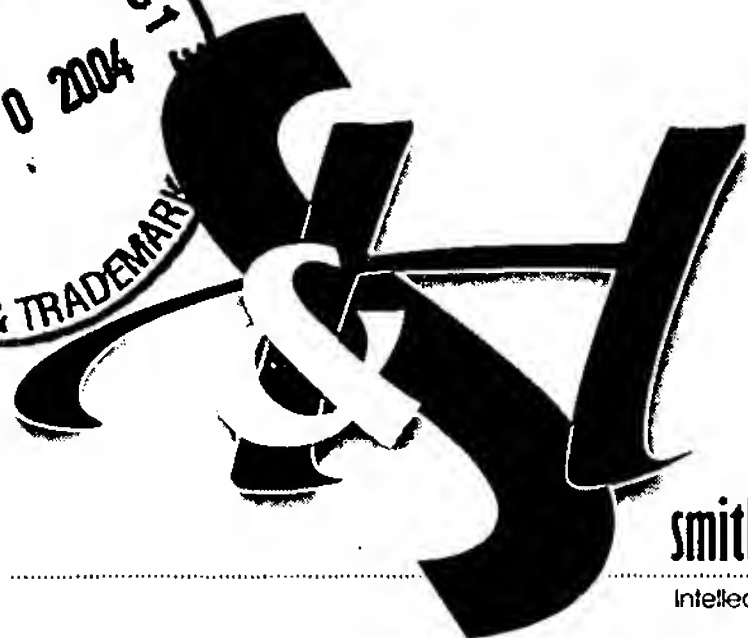
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) – (1 page);
2. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application – (2 pages); and
3. Self-addressed and postage pre-paid post card to serve as a receipt for items 1 & 2.

Very respectfully,

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